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REMOVAL OF THE BUSINESS OFFICE.

The business office of The Daily Times will be removed this week to the Butchine Building, corner of Tenth and D streets and Pennsylvania avenue, for twelve years the office of the Daily Post, where, on the 26th of December, all the friends and patrons of The Times will be heartly welcomed,

The news, composition, art, and press rooms, newspaper delivery and carriers' and newsboys' quarters will remain at their present location.

#### Independence or Autonomy,

A assulty well-informed and reliable New York paper states in its Washington correspondence that Secretary Olney has recently some in presented of information which leads him to believe that Gen. Maximo Comez and other prominent insurgest lenders promitted to look favormily upon the proposition to grant man closes to Cube on the lines hid down in the I woodent's meaning. It is to be Impedition Secretary Olives Wanish formed Cortwole at would be a stock to the friends of the straggling Cubara to believe that the latter's courage and perseverance could be weekened to the point almost of rollinge by the death of an emment will then fooder, even one as reconsistul as Аптонко Мисто.

The same for which they have been struggling and making berole sperifices some hear sourced more than it was a two or three weeks ago, and the possuise of auparamet should be no more allaring now than it has been ever since Sprin first offered it to the insurgents on condition Than they have down their arms. Hereto fore, whomever the subject of autonomy has been measured, the suggestion has been reschapte sparned to the Cuban leaders me anymorous of a memorate consideration There have contended that Smill's wor could not be taken by them without a marginian from the Coroll States, and on the Spanish side the blea of such an arrangement has been rejected with every mark of religiation as an insult to the

discrite of Spain. At the present stage of the struggle in a everything to gain and nothing to lose by a continuation of the war. Their noterial resources have not been besented in any direction; on the contrary, the people of the United States are more than ever ready to help them with rooney and other shown of war, and Culsan armies are not in desperate straits, long migrations to distant lands stimulate and trough Macros may not be found every day, there are other generals who have given good account of themselves and but recently have been proclaimed by Cutan leaders as eminently capable to conduct effective war against the Epaniards.

However the struggle may be prolonged the Unbons are sure of autonomy, for the reduction of the people in the island to such a condition as gave rise to the present increation will never be consented to by the United States. If the war is carried un excessfully a few months langer by them, demonstrating that Spain, in spite of her tremendous efforts, is unable to make headway, public sentiment here will compel a change of front on the part of the administration, no matter whether is be the present one or its successor. The prospect for the achievement of Cuban independence is more flattering now than ever, provided, of course, that the insur gents do not confess themselves helpless because of the death of one eminently cap able commander.

More School Buildings Wanted, One of the urgent needs of the District is a substantial addition to the number of its schoolhouses. The Commissioners have been exceedingly modest-too much so, we think-in their estimates on this point. Present conditions are by no means creditple are concerned, for they are more than willing to be taxed for this purpose, but because Congress has failed to conside that in this respect, as in all others, the National Capital ought to serve as a model for other cities. There are about two thousand children in the District today unwhile in get a full day at school, on account of this lack of accommodations. The have to be satisfied with a half day, and to this extent, therefore, the education to which they are entitled is retarded. By remon, moreover, of the comparative sourcity of buildings, the schools are over crowded, which is reprehensible, not only from a equitary point of view, but because each temper has a larger number of pupils than she can properly attend to. The average number of pupils in each public school ranges from fifty to sixty. In order that every child should have its proper shore of the teacher's attention the number should

not exceed thirty-five. Congressmen should consider, when they

come to deal with this subject, that ; peculiar condition of things exists in this city. There are thousands of government employes who do not contribute in any way to the support of the schools, but are taxpayers in their respective States, whose children attend our schools. Members of Congress avail themselves of the advantages of Washington's excellent school system by sending their children to the public schools during their sojourn in the city. No complaint is entered on this score by our people; on the contrary, they are glad to be able to extend hospitality in this respect, as in all others, to all who can be regarded us only temporary residents here. But this is all the more reason why Congress should exercise the stmost liberality in this particular, es pecially since a considerable increase of appropriations for school buildings still eaves the matter well within the local

few more school houses, perhaps, because they fear to excite adverse comment by larger demands, and also, perchance, because the Biblical injunction, "Ask and ye shall receive," does not appear to be reverenced when it comes to dealings between the District and Congress. It is a duty, however, which our people owe themselves to set this matter before their city council-for such in restity is Congress-in its true light, and they should not hesitate to importune it to be more considerate of their needs.

#### Bird Day in the Schools.

A Pennsylvania superintendent of school two years ago introduced into his school the observance of what he called "Bird Day." A second celebration occurred in his school on May 6 of the present year. By a singular coincidence, May 29 was observed in the same way in the rehools of Fact Madison, to by direction of the city superintendent of schools in that town. he being unaware of the fact of what had occurred in the Pennsylvania school. The occasion in the Iowa school was highly successful, and birds of all kinds were the attraction and the study, and visitors attracted by curiosity and interes were so numerous that standing room in the building was at a premium.

From these beginnings it is believed that Bird Day as an anniversary may rank with Arbor Day and Flag Day in the public schools. Arbor Day was at first opposed by the National Educational Association, but is now in great favor and it is held by its former opponents as an constrainment whose observance has been a great advarrage to the schools and to the ferestry of the country. In view of this experience, it is thought that Bird Day will have little opposition. Two years ago, the Journal of Education said of it: The idea simply needs to be known to meet with warm welcome akin to that with which we greet our first robin or song spurrow in the spring."

Secretary J. Sterling Mortan has eninnsiastically advocated the Bird Day proposition. He sees in it a possible means of eventually abelishing the fashion of using birds' features in millinery as well as an influence that may tend to the rooting out of the harburous tendency in boys to kill birds and collect birds' eggs. Of the value of a study of bird life generally. Secretary Morton eloquently slavs: Birds are of mestimable value to man kind. Without their surremitting servtees our partiens and fields would be laid. waste by insert pests. But we owe them a greater debt even than this, for the study of birds tends to develop some of the best attributes and impulses of our natures Among them we find examples of gen ematy, unselfast devotion, of the love of mother for off-pring, and other estimable qualities. Their industry, patience, and ingenuity excite our admiration; their songs inspire us with a love of music and poetry. their benutiful plumages and graceful manners appeal to our estactic sense; their our imaginations and tempt us to inquire nto the causes of these periodic movements and finally, the endless modifications of form and habits by which they are enables to live under most diverse conditions of food and climate-on land and at seainvite the student of nature into inex

caustible fields of pleasurable research." A considerable portion of the population pesterday demonstrated the need of New Year's resolutions.

The Joe Choate Senatorial moven will soon be strong enough to sit up and be told what happened to it.

The Times is in receipt of many dainty little brochares about the life and public services of men who are willing to serve their country under McKndey. They are of course, written and printed by friends of the candidates, but they nevertheless show evidences of much autobiographical

It is always safe to charge the messenger boy with delaying the present you didn't buy until you were sure your friend had

Those absurd news accounts of the last Cuban charge in that San Pedro fight say that Weyler failed to turn the column. A broken typewriter or a general suspension of newspapers are the only catas trophies that can prevent Weyler from turning a column.

Up to the present writing no one has been injured in any bargain counter rush at the Wamamaker headquarters in Harris

With Richard Cooker returning to Tam many Hall and Mayor Strong showing symptoms of supporting the Platt Senato rial boom, it is no wonder that Dr. Parkburst is in a state of mind which sees cloven boofs and forked tails in everything.

## POLITICAL.

The decisive vote by which the House jected the amendment to strike out from appropriation bill all provision for the Civil Service Commission is regarded by the Philadelphia Times (Ind. Dem.) as take no backward steps.

The merit system of appointment is to prevail in the police and fire departments of Indianapolis after January 1. But it is | don, and other hotels.

mplicated by a law requiring that the police and fire forces be equally divided politically. There will be two lists of eligibles, one Republican and one Demo cratic, and appointments will be made

rom each in turn. "The public has abundant reason for expecting the President-elect to set his ce against those office-mongers and enemies of honest, economical government who would seek to persuade him to throw open the federal departments as loot for victorious spoilsmen." the Philadelphia Ledgert (Ind. Rep.) says. "To support the law presupposes an honest support of the Civil Service Commission, and this, we be-lieve, Mr. McKirley may be counted upon sincerely and cordially."

"Mr. Carlisle says that it is greater cotomy in expenditures, rather than an percase in revenues, which is needed at majority of citizens will agree with him in this statement," the Kansas City Star (Ind. Rep.) says. "But the Republicans appear to be determined to give their undivided attention to a revision of the tariff laws, and the chances for a reduction in the cost of the government, therefore, seem to be very slim. Nevertheless, there can not be the slightest doubt that the problem of the deficits can be solved uch more quickly and more certainly and with greater satisfaction to the people by a radical reduction of expenses than by uncertain efforts to swell the revenues by the imposition of duties on articles, the importation of which is likely to be greatly curtailed by a very moderate

## PERSONAL AND PERTINENT.

The tramp who broke into Tom Reed's summer cottage and stole a suit of clothes belonging to the Maine statesman must be pretty mean. Perhaps we shall next hear that some miscreaut has stolen the vocal outfit of Schator Allen of Nebraska. There is no safety in public life. - Rochester Union and Advertiser.

It's an ill blizzard that blows nobody any Those persons, who for eight month past have taken their daily strolls in ner our dread of the stealthy bicycle could vesteriny promenade the streets once ere in peace and happiness.-Providence Journal:

It is a happy season for the vegetarian. With an apple crop everflow in all direc-tions, and prelific Florida coming in as new and formidable connetitor in very ables, the eschewer of flesh may well feel optent -St Louis Post Dispatch.

The Secretary of the Navy says that battleship Texas is all right. let us hope that she will not be put in commission as an excursion boat unless son meme whereby she can be run on skids s invented.-Cleveland Leader.

The story comes from Western Kansas hat money is so scurce out there that the orese of a suicide was recently fined \$25 for carrying concealed weapons, and that nd of money taken from his pockets The daughter of an Aster has become the

of a whisky seller named Haig Now may the moon wed with a Hubbard squash.-Cleveland Leader. Turkey wants a retraction of portions of

'resident Cleveland's message. We now wait demand from England to retract the Declaration of Independence.-Chicago Journal.

#### CUBA AND WALL STREET.

We mave come to a profix mask if the cross must withhold the expression of their ons in a matter which concern with their humainity and their permaner interest lest a nest of gamblers make a flurry in speculation. If the free action of the people and their representatives is incompatible with the maintenance of speculative stock values, then the proper arse will be to wipe out stock gambling discretter. It will come to that if the exchanges and their organs make much more clamor about the disturbing effect of legitimate and necessary discussion This government was created for th not for the stock exchanges -Co

## OF CURRENT INTEREST.

never out of her sight and is worn by her every evening. It is a hand of gold containing a cross in rubies surrounded by white brilliants. A coronation ring is supposed to symbolize the wedding of the

It is reported that Mr. Dingley would rather have his name go down to history as the author of the tariff law than a Secretary of the Treasury. Something in that. There was Major McKinley, now the President-elect, and full of honors though not of years, and it wasn't much of a tariff law cither.-Cincinnati En

A new prima donna, Muse, Litoinne, i is said, is rapidly singing becself into popular favor in New York city. Muse Litoinne and her early instruction under Victo Maurel, has sung in opera with him and the de Reszkes, whose sister-in-law she is She has the honor of having been the first French Brunhilde. She has sung in Russi by invitation of the czar, and has just been asked by Fran Cosima Wagner to sing the three Brunnildes—in "Die Walkure," "Siegfried," and "Die Gofferdammerung," in Bayreuth. As may be inferred, he European reputation is enviable.

Out in the State of Washington the orses are having a hard time. It is said that no less than 100,000 head will starve to death this winter. Their owners will make no particular effort to save them as they are practically of to particular value. Electricity and the bicycles are doing the work to a great extent heretofore done by the horses. They have been named 'eating machines," and because they do this work so well, their owners are not anxious to prolong their lives. Pastures are wanted for herds of cattle and sheep, and the easiest way to get rid of the orse is to let him starve to death.

Collectors are always glad to bear that a new stamp is in the field, and no doubt a run will be made on the new foreign office stamp, bearing the photo of Lorrin A. Thurston. By a late steamer the finance department received sample proofs of the new stamps, designed especially for use in the foreign office as a mark of distinction on matter emanating therefrom. The denominations will be 1, 2, 5, 6, and 20 cents, each in different color. In the center of the stamp is the usual medallion, bearing the likeness of Lorrin A. Thurston. Just above and following the curve of the wreath is the word "Foreign." At the left are the words, "Department of," and at the right "Hawaii." In the center of the upper portion are the letters "R. H." inclosed in a circle. On either side of the lower portion of the medallion are four stars, representing the islands of the group, and at the ottom is the usual figure signifying the denomination. On either side of this distinguishing mark is an Hawaiian shield. There is also a new customs rev

### one stamp of the denomination of \$1, which Famous Hotel Man Dead.

bears a picture of Kamehameha I.

New York, Dec. 25.-Mr. John Chatfield, proprietor of the Hotel Jefferson Fifteenth street and Fourth avenue, died suddenly from apoplexy this morning. Mr. Chatfield had been manager of Fenwick Hall, Saybrooke, Conn.; the Manhansett House, Shelter Island; the Brighton Beach Hotel, and the Pequod House of New Lon-

#### Epitome of the News in the Evening Times.

FORGERY IS THE CHARGE-George O. Demuth, a Baltimore piano dealer, locked up in default of bail. Admitted his guilt to victims.

FAULKNER'S INJURY FATAL-Aged secretary of Senator Voornees scious and dying at Providence Hospital

CHRISTMAS DELUGE FAILED-Sanctificationists' flood overdue. Arks all eady and crews aboard, but the sun smiled brightly.

HE FLOGGED THEM TO DEATH-Col.

Antonio Manciro, of Mexico, undergoing court-martial at San Diego, Cal., for EX-QUEEN LIL HAS GONE-Spent six

ours in town, and left via the Southern for New York. Ignored by officials. WOLCOTT'S SILVER PLAN-Scheme

for international agreement prepared. Will be presented to Congress after the holidays. To ask for a fourth monetary TOOK HIS TIME IN KILLING-William

lenson shoots and fatally wounds his brother in law, Raymond Beckett. Henson locked up. His victim unconscious at the Emergency.

Catherine Gaffrey's purse taken while she was purchasing Christmas dainties. General court notes. MONEY FOR THE DISTRICT-Com-

HER MARKET MONEY STOLEN-MISS

missioners and House committee making up annual budget. \$8,686,616.38 wanted. What will we get?

HIS BODY LIES IN STATE-Remains of the late Capt. George E. Lemon at the Shoreham guarded by comrades of the Funeral today at 1 o'clock from New York Avenue Fresbyterian Church.

FOOTBALL AND ROAD RACE-Clos

ing game of the season begun at Columbia Field between C. A. C. and Columbian University. List of entries. Conduit. POOR PLEAD FOR CHARITY-Station

houses besieged by applicants for neces-saries of life. Sergeant Acton, of the tells a sad story of want and misery. WHITE GHOST WILL DINE-How the

Dakota will spend his Christmas. Sketch of the visitors. Unique holiday customs LADY SANTA CLAUS AT WORK-Hun

dreds of tots are made happy by her vindness. Tons of gifts sent in reply o requests received by the Society of the Christ Child. UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE-Little

remembered. . Stockings well filled by LOTTA IS A GUEST IN A HOME HERE-The brilliant actress recovering

her beatth. Christmas doings among DIED OBEYING HER FATHER-Henrietta Worthing, a young colored giri, expires suddenly under suspicious cir-

cumstances.

HIGH OFFICIALS' HOLIDAY-Christ as as observed by the President and members of Cabinet. All dined at home.

cause but the coroner doubts. He will

Diphtheria said to be the

SONGS IN THE SANCTUARIES-Sketch of service in various prominent churches. The spirit of the Christ Child breathed from choir and pulpit.

HER WEALTH HAS VANISHED-Mrs. Minnie Johnson fakes a robbery and de-ceives her husband. Investigation explodes her charges.

MERCY WAS NOT STRAINED-Christorder and a light docket. CHRISTMAS BOX AT LIBBY-Captain

#### McKee tells of a Christmas at Libby thirty-three years ago. HOPE BOUYS HER UP.

Old Mrs. Becker's Brave Quest for Her Fortune.

New York, Dec. 25 .- A wizened old oman sat on a bench in the outer office of Bellevue Hospital this morning and The burden of her tale was a fortune of \$17,000 which she says awalts her in

Amsterdam, Holland. Beside her on the bench lay a small black bag, another bag that had once been black, and a small, rough sack with a hole worn in one end. These made up

her entire traveling outfit. With them in her hands and \$35 in her pocket she left a good home in Ohio three weeks ago, prepared to brave the hardships of a journey a quarter of the way across the continent and the perils of an ocean voyage in winter in order to get the \$17,000 which was left to her by her

mother-in-law. The woman is penniless, but as confident f reaching Holland as if its shores aiready loomed up before the steamer bearing

Her story is strange. Her name is She says she is fifty-Martha Becker. She says she is fifty-three years old, but she looks seventy at

She was born in Yorkshire, England, but came here when very young. She still, however, drops her "h's," which makes a curious combination with the twang peculiar to the rural districts of Ohio.

Mrs. Becker's husband, George, came rom Amsterdam, Bolland. He was an nstrument maker and knife grinder. established a bonic at West Liberty, O. His family in Holland were well off. His mother, Johann Cornelia Becker, sent

him papers four years ago in which she willed him \$17,000 at her death. He was killed by tramps three years ago and the papers stolen. Mrs. Becker's oldest boy, thivid, had previously been He was the last of five chil-

his face. Mrs. Becker, sr., died in Amsterdam March 11. Mrs. Becker was notified and says shealso learned that the postmaster at West Liberty had received papers establish-

ing ber claim. He denies this She was advised to stort for Holland to get the money. Her money gave out at Rochester. By working at several places and being belped at others, she managed to own up in New Hampshire, where I could have read a piece of the Scriptures and been favorably received by my friends."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.-The czar has granted the request of General Count von houvaloff, governor-general of Russian Poland, that he be permitted to retire on account of ill-health. Prior to his appointment to the position he now holds, Count von Schouvaloff was Russian as bassador to Germany, where he was very popular. Some time ago he was stricker with paralysis, complicated with other diseases, and several times it has been announced that his condition was critical.

## ZERTUCHA'S LATEST LIE.

Gen. Palma's Reply to the Traitor's

Recent Letter. New York, Dec. 25.-Gen. Tomas Es trada Palma, the Cuban delegate, has given out a statement in reply to a published letter of Dr. Zertucha, in which the doctor says that Maceo, driven to despair by the non-support of the rebel government, invited his own doom; that members of the Cuban council are in the pay of Spain; that they failed to back their own general, and that Macco was dispirited by the receipt of certain letters from those connected with the civil government of the insurgents

Gen. Palma's reply is as follows: "I am not very much surprised to see Dr. Zertucha rushed into print for the pur pose of distracting attention from himself by attracting it to a scandalous charge, which can only aid him with the Spantards

"For me it is a sufficient indication of the man's character that he surrenders to the enemy under the conditions in his case and that he is treated with such a kindly manner by the Spaniards.

"What more natural than that he, in combination with Spanish diplomacy, should the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Keiley, of Pennsylvania, being its chairman, reshould be directed? He certainly knows that this interview will ultimately be sent to Cuba, where it cannot be received by the Spaniards otherwise than with demonstrations of gratitude.
"I know from letters received from Gen

Antonio Maceo personally, as well as from a person of our mutual confidence, through whom we frequently communicated, that Maceo was not in the desperate straits depicted by Dr. Zertucha. The following extract from a letter which I lately re ceived will show that Maceo was well satisfied with the condition of affairs:

'The active operations of the campaign have prevented me, much against my wishes, from answering immediately your welcome communications of the 19th and 25th of October. Gen. Rius Rivera happily disembarked with all the war material sent, which was well employed in a series of hard combats, which were signal

victories for us. "The object of Weyler was to imprisor our army between two fortified lines and make us suffer a tremendous defeat, by means of simultaneous attacks by forces previously placed in those positions, but the most brilliant success crowned our efforts, six of the enemy's columns, which tried to impede our progress after our saving the expedition of Gen. Rius Rivera, being de stroved.

"As late as the 6th of December, the day sefere it is represented he was killed, Gen. Palma said, "a person of veracity and confidence had a conference with the ecceral, and I am informed that Maceo then stated that the Cuban forces in Pina Red man from the Crow Nation of South del Rio were in excellent condition, in charge of Ross Rivera, and that he was well satisfied with his position.

"Zertucha's last published interview differs in detail from all others preonsly published. His assertion of Mac disappointment is absolutely groun Zertucha's attitude toward his former ompanions in arms is such as cannot win for him the credence of any honest man-Continuing Senor Palma said. "We have 40,000 well-equipped soldiers in active operation on the field. If they fall, 40,-000 more soldiers will spring up to take their places. The Cubans will die, if necessary, but they will never give up the fight until they are free from Spain. They do not forget the blood their countrymen have shed '

#### COSTLY CHURCH BURNED. St. Stephen's of Wilkesbarre De-

stroyed by a Christmas Bluze. Wifkesharre, Pa., Dec. 25.-St. Stephen' hurch, the most fashbnable Epi church in town, situated on South Frank lin street, was destroyed by fire early

this morning, the fire having cought from the heating apparatus in the basement. It must have smoldered all night, as then discovered the whole interior was ablaze. The interior was very beautiful The great pipe organ and a dozen memorial windows and tablets were also destroved. Only the silver communion servce was saved. The walls were left

standing-The church was valued at \$90,000 and \$20,000. The loss is \$50,000. s an insurance of \$30,000.

The fire skipped one building and then caught the building occupied by the West poreland Club. Some of the most expensive furniture was saved, but the loss to building and

## NEW NASBY STORY.

furniture will be \$20,000.

Neil Burgess Tells One on the Late Humorist.

One of the queerest snaps I ever go into was with Nosby of the old Toledo Blade," said Mr. Neil Burgess, the actor, as he sat in the lobby of his hotel chatting with a lot of theatrical folk last night "He was a companion of mine in boybood, and we remained friends until be died. I always called bim by his pseudonym, Nasby. "It was away back, I don't know how many years ago, that I was making on quite successfully with a play up in the New England towns. All at once I got telegram telling me to drop everything and come to Toledo. The command came

rom Nashy. "I cancelled my engagements and sold out my interest and started West, for he followed the telegram with a letter telling me that he had a new play for ne and that it was bound to be a success When I reached Toledo he gave me the neartiest kind of a reception and took me out to dinner for the first move.

"Then we went down to his office and talked over old times and enjoyed our selves generally. But the night came and went and he never said a word to me about ur new venture. I thought he would surely mention it the first thing in the morning.

about the play. We went to his office again and I sat around while he cleared up his mail. He talked all the time on every subject except the play. Of course my anxiety was increasing in a geometrica proportion to the number of minutes that

"At last I could stand it no longer and just as we were about to start for dinner in the evening I said: 'Nasby, how about the play you have

written? You have not shown it to me "He turned around in his chair and looked at me for a minute with a broad grin across

"'Play," he said, 'why, my dear man, I have not written it yet. But I am going to write one and a good one.' Well, you can imagine my astonishmen But I was in the game and could do noth ing. . The next morning Nasby sat down and scrawled off something. It was funny but it wasn't a play. place I ever produced it was in my home

Who Would Not Be a Shah? London, Dec. 25 .- A Vienna dispatch to the Daily Diegraph says that the late Shah of Persia, Nasr-ed-Din, who was assassinated in Muy last, left a fortune of

Uruguay Gives Liberty to the Press London, Dec. 25.-A dispatch from Montevideo to the Times says that a decree has been issued restoring the liberty of the

#### TARIFF-MAKING HISTORY.

Geographical Composition of the

Ways and Means Committee. The imminence of a fresh attempt at tariff making lends timely interest to the history of tariff legislation since the present party of protection came into power with the civil war. The Ways and Means Committee in the Thirty-sixth Congress had John Sherman for its chairman, and reported the war tariff which became law in August, 1861. In the Thirty-minth Congress Chairman Justin S. Morrill reported will find this so. the tariff act of 1867.

In the Forty-fourth Congress Chairman William R. Morrison devised the "horizontal reduction" scheme-that is, the proposal to reduce all duties by one uniform percentage—which will always bear his name in history. He reported it to the House in the form of a bill, and it had the benefit of one day's consideration, and then disappeared, to emerge once or twice later, not with the expectation of enactment, but merely as a foil to proposed

It was the Forty-seventh Congress that ported favorably the bill creating the tariff commission of 1882, whose recommendations were accepted or ignored by Congress with perfect freedom after it had made them, and out of which grew, after many contortions and manglings, the Morrill tariff act of 1883. In the Fortyeighth Congress Mr. Morrison was again chairman, and brought in a bill for general tariff reduction, and repeated it sub-stantially in the Forty-ninth Congress, but

without effect. Roger Q. Mills succeeded Mr. Morrison as chairman, and contrived to get through the House in the Fiftieth Congress the sensure known as the Mills bill, but the Senate Finance Committee, under Mr. Alison's emidance, loaded it with a substiwhich effectually ended its career

William McKinley, fr., was the chairman of the committee in the Fifty-first Con-gress, and, as such; the putative author of be McKinley tariff act of 1890, both uses of Congress being then Republican. In their effort to repeal the McKinley act, the Democratic majority of the Hou the Fifty-second Congress supported Wilham R. Springer with his progressive series of "program" bills; but the Senate fought

The Fifty-third Congress, being under

remocratic control at both ends of the

Wilson, as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, gave his name to it or its passage through the House, but in the mate it was amended out of all semblance to its original shape, and became more properly the Gorman than the Wilson act. It is this law which is still in force. The geographical composition of the Ways and Means Committee is now. Two New Englanders, Chairman Dingley, from Maine, and Mr. Russell, from Connecti wa Middle Statesmen, Payne of New York and Dalzell of Pennsylvania, four meddle Western men, Hopkins of Blinois, irosvenor of Olno, Dolliver of Iowa, and Steele of Indiana; two Northwestern men lobuson of North Dakota and Tawney of Minnesota: five Southerners, Evans of Kentucky, McMillin of Tennessee, Turner

men, Crisp of Georgia and Tarsney of This made, when the committee was full, seven of the seventeen men Southernera, to ten from all the other sections together, and, indeed, all but one of the Democrats being Southerners.

of Georgia, Wheeler of Alabama, and Mc

Laurin of South Carolina, and two vacan-

## SPAIN, CUBA AND MACEO.

Compliments to Gen. Weyler are so rare that they may appear to nim a mockery of his established reputation. The Queen Recent has just sent him one at the same his recall. Notwithstanding the gravity of the Spanish character and the three-ply solemnity of its monarch, it is quite possible that she is chaffing him. "What are you blubbering about?" a friend asked Boswell. "The duchess spoke so kindly to me." "Don't mind it. I dare say she didn't mean it." The Queen Regent was four years ago remodeled at a cost and her compliment may be in like case At any rate Weyler's fame is much too stablished to be in any degree af-

fected by it .- New York Tribune. It offered reason for surprise, since it time of writing, possessed knowledge of manner of Maceo's death. Now, if it should be shown that the insurger leader came to his end through cowardly treachery, the evidence will be incontrovertible that the deed was committed with the cognizance and the approval of the Spanish authorities, and for it Spain will have to answer before the tribunal of an outraged civilization. That much is made clear by Gen. Weyler's telegram -

Albany Journal. A "reform" of the character indicated ould be a mockery; and if Spain shall reject the good offices tendered by the United States to score peace with her colony on the basis of local self-government, and continue to rule Cuba as military satrapy in a chronic state of revolt, the time must come, as foreshadowed in President Cleveland's message, when self-interest will compel this government to take active measures to abate a nuisance at our very doors .- Philadelphia Record.

The striking point about Dr. Zertucha is not his detailed story of the killing of Maceo, but the fact that as an insurgent -and Macco's physician at that he should have been permitted to depart in peace so soon after his surrender to the Spanish troops.-Philadelphia Press.

The news comes from Spain that there is an outburst of indignation there about the United States. Well, let it burst. The truth is, the Spaniards are so weak as a military and naval power, and we are so overwhelming in strength both by land and sea, that we should be consid erate and include in statesmanship rather than fillbusterism. The consciousness predominant power demands dignity.-

Brooklyn Standard-Union. ports of Maceo's death are true. The ost suspicious circumstances is the fact that no account of it has come from insurgent sources, unless we accept the stories of assussination, which have not vet been verified. The statement from Key West that he is alive is unsatisfactory and we shall have to wait until positive acknowledgment of the tragedy course from the Cubans. If alive, Maceo will soon be heard from. That can be depended

upon. - Baltimore American. The people of Cuba under Spanish rule after the same Sort of government that our Southern States experienced at the bands of the carpet baggers. No wonder they are fighting to be free, and to won der they take no stock in renewed Span-ish promises of reform, even though they come from Senor Canovas.-New York Journal.

The list of heroes of the African racnot overcrowded, and Maceo findsplenty of room on its rester. Irrespective of his race, he will be eternally remembered by Cuba as one of her martyrs and deliverers His were the deeds that shine in the sud den making of splendid names, and his place in history is in 10 need of a trocha to defend it .- New York Tribune.

Assuming that the Spaniards could be capable of any form of treachers, no matter how execrable, is it likely that they would have provided the advocates of intervention in this country with a pretext | their protest good."

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for interference in Cuban affairs by the assassination of the bearer of a flag of

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Gen. Weyler is making a strong effort

#### to live up to his unsavory reputation -New York Press. CASEY UP-TO-DATE.

Baseball as Suggested by the Princes

ton Pitching Machine. eriter on the Chicago Record, having seard of the new Princeton pitching gun,

looks into the future in this manner. With two motocycles and an airship on uses it was a trying moment for Casey. The New York patcher, silent and unmoving, at nevertheless somewhat hot about the breech and guming at the muzzle because of the fierce work of the inning, lay back on his trunions and waited with a flendish grin for the coming of the crack balaman

"'Harry up there with Casey?' cried the aptain impatiently. 'Send up a batter!' the umpire insisted. " In a minute," the engineer of the Chlorgees promised. Want till I oil this nume. And he darted in and out over nd under the cumbrous mechanism of the gignata tractione, whose release, purchased from the Bultimores, had cost the fichillags price of \$200,000, with several accessories in the way of patent litigation thrown in. "Caseyl" shricked the blenchers, and 'Casey' was thundered back from the grand stand. 'Casey! Casey! Casey!' talled

in across the field from the hundreds of othe telephone poles and inhabited neigh oring roofs. Casey?" "Not a sound gave forth Casey, except a few stelen pulls and the rumble of his blower. Looking upon him you might

have thought of him as a general, who, sniffing the buttle and the stock yards afar, resolves to do or dw, with a pref-So he appeared to the view of the multi-

"A raptured cry went up "It was the annie old Crasy. The westering san gleamed upon his regulate aris and danced from his bross,

and you caught the glinting of his furnace fires. "The score was 7 to 6. It was the latter

part of the month manny. There was one flector at the artillery out in the pitcher's box, took his place at the home base. He raised the but, a timber of bickery twelve ne equilibrium, and just to test it gave a swing around his smokestack. There was a pleasant sound of wairring as the electric fland from the dynambs was applied to the great, steel shaft, and the

sat circled around the batman's boiler ome 7,000 times in the first three sec-'Aba!' said the populace

"A boy fell off a department store wagon, "'Play ball," cried the ampire. There was an explosion, a vision of smoke, and the ball went flying outloward first base, circling around the bag a few moments and then curving in a loopy fashion toward the left field, from which erritory, by a wonderful flight, it rose, and, arching over, returned and passed

directly over the base. Cases did not "Strike one!" cried the umpire. "There was visible uncosiness. notocycle on second, named in the barting order as McGinnis, alarmed at the pros pect and feeling that his petroleum was burning out, made a dash too far down the line, and in a moment was caught by the vigilant fowling-piece on third. All

Chicago quivered with woe. "Once more the ball came in undulating curves, now here, now there. It stopped in mid-air and then made a sudden day The great, hickory arm whirled, but missed

by seven vards. Strike two!" shricked the umpire. "Three men died of heart disease in the grand stand and an invalid had an epileptic fit in the bleachers. Two men were now out. The ball west back to the gunner in the pitcher's box. A special charge of powder was rammed in and the ball was securely wadded. The enter apparatus lumbered heavily down the line

confer with the pitching device. was an awful moment. "The catching machine returned to place. Suddenly a loud report was heard. The bail had been pitched. Then, before any one could see what was happening, the hat whirled and out the air, there was a fearful whack of contact, and Casey, the superb, the sublime, the transcending thundered for first. With his right driver in the air as he swung around the corner, he continued to second, and thence home, his driving rods looking like the poerry motion. The bases were eleared. The

game was won. Twenty-two men and three women ded of over-exertion of the hings-

"The ball was never recovered. "Later-We stop the presses to say it has just been discovered that Casey's wipe drave the ball straight forward and into the muzzle of the pitching cann imbedding it in the solid steel backing. The New Yorks declare they will protest the game, as they insist it was plainly a line ball caught, and that Casey was out before he began running. But as they made no complaint on the field it is difficult to see how they hope to make